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Working to Accommodate the Disabled

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

For many handicapped persons, the decision to attend a college or university is a giant step. Once enrolled, however, the real challenge begins. To make their college years successful requires not only the extreme effort of the individual, but also the extended effort of the college administration.

A "handicapped" person is defined as someone who has a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Handicaps are not just visible physical impairments, but include a much broader spectrum. Impairments of functions such as walking, seeing, breathing, hearing, speaking, and learning are a few of the problems that the handicapped face.

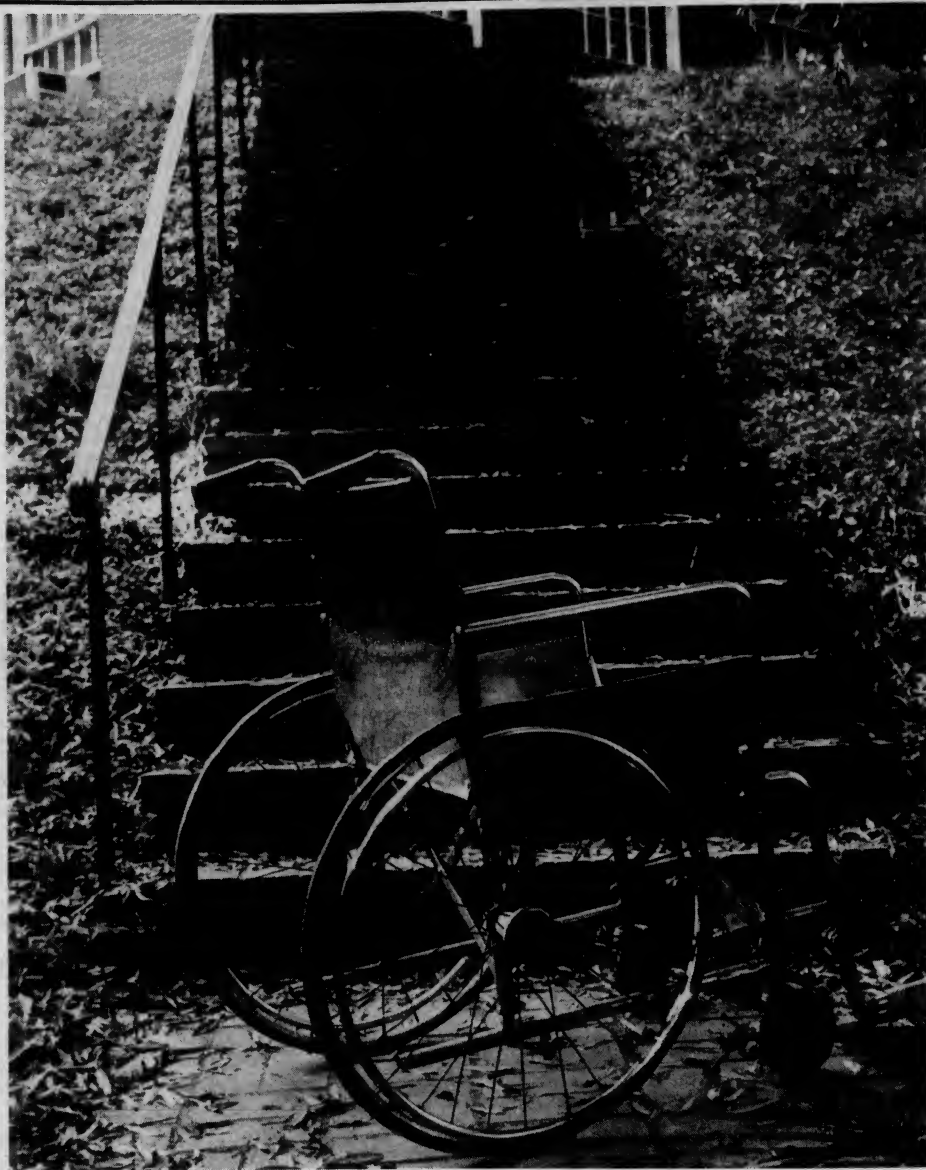
According to Executive Vice President Ray Merchant, of MWC students who could be considered handicapped, only a small portion report their disabilities. Many do not report disabilities because of a desire to keep the information private. Many do not want special treatment from their peers or simply do not like the stigma that is attached to the word "handicapped".

Merchant said that approximately forty residential students acknowledged a handicap in their school medical records, this year. Major disorders reported include: breathing disorders, mobility or physical impairments, hearing, seeing, diabetic and seizure problems. To illustrate that some students want to get away from the "handicap" label, Merchant gave a recent example of a student with a severe mobility problem who chose not to inform the college of her situation. When the student arrived, she was located in a dorm not equipped with elevators. The student obviously wished to reject the label of "handicapped," because she requested no room change and has continued to manage on her own with the help of friends.

Whether officially reported or not, colleges and universities are still required to accommodate the handicapped within reasonable limits, if accommodations are requested. Colleges and universities are generally concerned with providing for the handicapped. By law, educational institutions receiving any type of federal financial assistance are required to adhere to basic regulations established in the 1973 Rehabilitation Act.

The major regulations of this act stress non-discrimination towards the handicapped in the admissions process. Handicapped students must be considered on equal terms with all other applicants. The regulations also require that all academic and necessary building facilities be made available to them.

However, all facilities on a campus need not be drastically changed in order to accommodate the handicapped. According to the regulations, accommodations are required to certain situations "within a reasonable limit." Academic Counselor David Kembel ex-



Disabilities pose special problems for a number of MWC students

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plained that a "reasonable" accommodation means finding the simplest solution to a problem.

For example, Kembel pointed out that, if necessary, a class could be moved from the top floor to the bottom floor of a building, to be accessible to a student in a wheelchair. Kembel also mentioned that large print tests can be made for a student with impaired vision. These are just a few of the many reasonable accommodations available upon request for the handicapped at the college.

Throughout this school year, Kembel will be conducting research for the purpose of upgrading handicapped facilities at MWC in accordance with new regulations which have

been updated or changed since the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. Kembel's research will help determine what can be done to improve academic and building facilities to better accommodate the handicapped at MWC.

Presently, buildings on campus that are equipped for the physically handicapped include Monroe, Chandler and Willard. Combs, George Washington, Trinkle Library, and Seacobeck are also minimally equipped with ramps for wheelchair use. Handicapped parking spaces in all parking lots near academic buildings also provide mobility to handicapped persons and those with breathing disorders, who can not make the walk from building to building.

Kembel noted that most of the accommodations required by handicapped MWC students have been relatively simple. According to Merchant, past examples of accommodations for the handicapped at MWC include: movements of class locations (i.e. upstairs to downstairs); special help in library use; a professor remembering not to turn their back on the class when speaking so that a hearing impaired student could read lips; large print texts ordered for a student with a vision disability and allowing one student who was blind to come to campus several weeks before classes started to become oriented to the campus.

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Opinion

Editorial

Fire Safety

Three a.m. the alarm rings. Students stumble out of the dorm. Barely awake, they mutter obscenities and question the necessity of the drills that in the event of a real fire could save their lives.

Recent serious damage to Eugates restaurant, a local fire in the Bette Lewis apartments, a kitchen fire in Mason Hall and a car set afire in Jefferson Square should make us realize that any fire, regardless of its size, is potentially disastrous.

Before you write this off as another Smokey-the-Bear routine, consider the dorm fire at William and Mary two years ago. The similar age and condition of Mary Washington dorms presents an equal or greater risk of fire.

Residents of the burned out dorm at William and Mary lost everything in their rooms. Although that incident occurred far away and a long time ago, it is not inconceivable that we could find ourselves victims of a similar needless tragedy.

Fire safety is not to be taken lightly. Failure on the part of one individual to exercise caution could result in the loss of lives and the destruction of property.

We understand the inconvenience of fire drills and like everyone else curse them when they interrupt our sleep. But, we all need to remind ourselves that responding to fire drills and an awareness of fire safety rules is vital.

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Inquiries may be directed to Box 1115, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402, or to the editor.

An Honor trial was held and the student was found guilty of the Honor Code violation of stealing. The penalty imposed was no dismissal.

The Honor Council

Checker Adds Insight to 'Men' Issue

To the Editor

I am responding to the editorials in *The Bullet* and *Free Lance Star* regarding male students at MWC. Since I am not privy to the private lives of the students I can only speak of my daily contacts with them. I wish to make the following observations:

I have had the pleasure of working as a checker in the dining halls at Seacobeck for the past two and one-half years. During that time I have seen many men and women come and go. I have always considered them as my friends and would hope the feeling is mutual.

During this two and one-half years I can truthfully say that I have never seen a male or female student who has not treated me in a friendly manner or without respect. I have been invited to participate in many school functions, received cards on Valentine's day and Christmas, friendly hugs and most of all friendly smiles.

I have endeavored to give students an uplift when they feel low and encourage them to remember their primary reason for attending college. They have always accepted my kidding in the manner in which it was given.

I feel the men at MWC have been

given an unfair rap. I would rather believe, based on my conversations with them, that they attend MWC in order that they may get more individual attention from the professors and are made to feel like an individual rather than a number. Tuition fees at other colleges or universities in the state are not that much more, and if a male student were out to score success with women, they could do equally well there, where there are more activities, and the availability of girls is just as good. However, I realize there are some exceptions.

I also believe that most of the women at MWC leave on weekends because there are more activities at other schools and a change of climate always helps one's attitude. In many instances, women do not desire to enter a serious relationship and would rather play the field.

I would hope the men would do what is necessary to maintain friendly relations with the women and treat them as ladies and not as a conquest, and that the women respond in kind.

In closing, I wish to comment on the dress attire at MWC. I have always found the students to dress neatly. This year I have seen more students wearing dresses and suits.

Your daily smiles and friendly at-

titudes have made my otherwise boring job one that I now look forward to daily.

Thank you again for making a feel useful again by including me some of your functions.

Sincerely,
Bob B.

Mortar Board Urges Voting

To the Editor:

Fall break is the perfect time, many things, among them voting absentee ballot. We would like to remind the college community that you won't be home on November vote over fall break, absentee ballot applications are available in the Student Association Office and are the bulletin board in the office. Voting is a right and one opportunity that is ours for the asking. To advantage of it. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mortar Board

Announcing...

Belmont, The Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery commences its fall series of arts-related films on Oct. 17, with the presentation of "Hopper's Silence," a personal film memoir of the American artist, Edward Hopper. The film will be shown at 8 p.m. in the studio at Belmont. The program is sponsored by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is free.

"Scientific Exploration: Darwin and the Beagle" will be Dr. Mary Pinschmidt's topic when she lectures on Oct. 16. Her talk begins at 7 p.m. and is part of the series "Discovery: Frontiers and Explorers Through the Ages," which is sponsored by the Department of History and American Studies. There is no admission charge.

A lecture concerning the domestic, political and religious struggles of the people of Guatemala, will be given Oct. 17, at 7 p.m., in Monroe 104. "A Light on Guatemala," will be presented by Sister Rita Studer and is sponsored by the Campus Christian Community.

Transportation leaves at 3:45 every Friday afternoon for the 1208 House from the Campus Christian Community (1213 Dandridge St.). The 1208 House is a home for retarded adults. Call 373-9255 for more information.

Unless a student is planning to withdraw from the college, withdrawal from one or more particular courses will not be permitted after Oct. 24.

A solo exhibit of works by Linda Horvitz Post is being held in duPont Galleries. Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Note to special students and part-time students: if you are taking only one course and wish to drop it, the correct procedure is withdrawal from the College. See Mrs. Kemp in GW 210 for official withdrawal forms.

Many schools and companies will be on campus during October and November for interviews. The Career Placement Office, GW 203, has more information and sign up boards.

Alumni Office Reorganized

by KIRSTEN BROWN

This semester, the Alumni office of Mary Washington College has been reorganized. Changes include the ad-

dition of the position of executive director of the Alumni Foundation, and grouping three already existing programs together.

Michael Dowdy, vice-president of College Relations, is now also the new executive director of the Alumni Foundation. The Alumni Foundation functions separately from the College and the new executive director position is a way of providing a liaison between the College administrative cabinet, and the separate Alumni Association.

The three departments involved in regrouping are Public Relations, An-

nual Giving and Alumni Programs. They now all fall under the category of College Relations. These divisions still function separately but are now coordinated so that they may benefit from the sharing of resources and feedback.

The College Relations divisions sponsors a number of programs. Included are: the Regional Scholars Program, student recruitment, MWC speaker bureau, publishing of *MWC Today*, an alumni magazine and *The Camp Grapevine*, a monthly newsletter for MWC faculty and staff.

Correction

Last week's story, "BOV Gives Go Ahead for Student Center," contained an error. The amount of the regional scholarships is \$1,500. Please forgive our error.

Lobby Committee Strives for Voter Awareness

by KATHY MCDONALD

Mary Washington's Lobby Committee works to represent students on campus, local and state levels, according to Suzanne Maddox, lobby chairman.

The Lobby Committee consists of two subcommittees, one which represents students in campus and local issues and another which supports student input at the state level in the Richmond General Assembly.

The campus and local subcommittee organized Voter Awareness Week as one of its main projects this semester. The committee distributed between 800 and 900 absentee ballots and supplied students with the necessary addresses for their districts. Maddox explained that giving out the addresses helped student voting because in the past, students filled out absentee ballots and didn't know where to send them.

Information about absentee voting for both Virginia and non-

Virginia residents is available from Maddox in the Student Association office in Lee Hall.

"During Voter Awareness Week, we also had information about candidates in each district to let students know who was running and provide an informed basis on which students could vote," Maddox said. The Lobby Committee also sponsored Dr. Lewis Fickett, who presented a lecture on "Voter Awareness and Student Activism". "The purpose of Voter Awareness Week is to get students to think, be informed and actually get out there and vote," she said.

Voter Awareness Week has been successful in recent years, said Maddox. "In the three years I've been involved in the Lobby Committee, students have shown increasing enthusiasm and interest in voting. They ask more questions and are less apathetic," she said.

In addition to promoting voter registration and awareness, the campus and local division of MWC's Lobby Committee works with

Fredericksburg's City Council. The committees function in this regard is to keep students informed on local issues that may affect Mary Washington. They also produce community guide blue books for the student body.

The state lobby subcommittee is a member of the Virginia Student Association (VASA) which represents students in Richmond's General Assembly. "VASA acts as a liaison between its member schools, students of higher education and the Commonwealth," said Maddox. "As an organized group, VASA is effective in the senate. We speak in the assembly and work with the senators on a person to person

basis," she said. "We feel that they listen to student input."

In conjunction with VASA, the Lobby Committee has influenced legislation that resulted in the selection of a student member to sit on MWC's Board of Visitors and the installation of smoke detectors in all the dorm rooms. Student lobbying efforts also resulted in the drinking age compromise that allows 19-year-olds to purchase beer rather than raising the drinking age for all alcohol to 21. This year, the committee plans to continue voicing student concerns on issues like federal aid to students and selective service registration.

The state lobby subcommittee also

hopes to hold a Student Legislation Workshop this year. The focus of this workshop will be to let students see how VASA lobbies in the general assembly. It will also inform students how they can be involved in government through corresponding with elected officials in their districts.

As a facet of the Student Association, the Lobby Committee works closely with the S.A. Executive Cabinet and the student Senate. Maddox said that working with S.A. and the State Council for Higher Education keeps the Lobby Committee aware of issues that affect students.

Political Clubs Disagree Over Student Interest In National Issues

by NICOLE LINSALATA

At 6:30 p.m. a crowd of approximately 500 gathered on the lawn. They lit candles and sang folk songs, all in the name of peace. They called for an immediate withdrawal from Vietnam on the part of U.S. forces.

The date is October 15, 1969—Moratorium Day. The scene, however, is not the mall in Washington, Central Park, or the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. The site is Ball Circle, here at Mary Washington College.

Like most American campuses, MWC was affected by the volatile issues of the late 1960's and early 70's. In March of 1965, 26 students and two faculty members picketed in downtown Fredericksburg in support of the Voting Rights Act and against police brutality in Alabama. *The Bullet* devoted entire issues to such subjects as the war, abortion, euthanasia, racial problems, and the women's movement.

But that is history. Today's students at MWC—and most other campuses—do not remember Vietnam. They do not remember seeing police turn powerful fire hoses on peaceful demonstrators.

College students do remember the U.S. being humiliated by the Iranian hostage crisis. They do remember seeing American presidents burned in effigy in nations all over the world. And, above all, they understand that the economy is such that even with a college degree, the chances of unemployment are high.

These are among the issues that some believe swung public opinion toward the right and put Ronald

Reagan in office, and conservative campus leaders believe that this mood prevails among students.

Mary Loose, chairman of the College Republicans, reports that her organization is 160 strong, and believes that conservatism dominates student opinion.

"We polled about seventy per cent of the students on campus, and approximately sixty-five to seventy per cent of those were pro-Reagan. I think that this is a pretty good indicator of the views of this campus."

Loose also believes that student apathy is not a major problem. "Students pay attention to the flyers and the posters, and I think they read the editorials in *The Bullet* and think about them." Still, the goal of the College Republicans is to inform the student body further, especially to conservative views.

"It's necessary to hear both sides," Loose says, "and they (the students) hear liberal views from the political science department, usually. The professors here tend to be more liberal, but the students can't make responsible decisions without hearing both sides."

Dr. Lewis Fickett, professor of political science and eight year member of the Virginia House of Delegates and General Assembly, comments, "Professors are basically following the liberal arts tradition; Western culture is based on a Judeo-Christian ethic of caring for the welfare of others, and this is really not a part of the ideas of the extreme right. It's a philosophical conflict with the 'Me' generation."

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Student Jogger Assaulted

by GLENN BIRCH

College Police released information regarding an assault on a female MWC student Friday.

The incident occurred on Oct. 6 at 2:50 p.m. on Sunken Road, near the tennis courts. The student was jogging when she was approached by a man who asked her for directions. Replying briefly, the student continued jogging but was chased and grabbed.

The student broke free of her assailant's grip and then reported the incident to the College Police. She described her assailant as a slender white male in his 20s, with brown hair, between 5 feet 5 inches and 6 feet tall and clean shaven.

College Police also reported the Oct. 1 arrest of a man, barred from campus two years ago, for trespassing. He is scheduled to appear in the Fredericksburg General District

Court on Nov. 2. He was arrested near the rear of Seacobeck Hall at 9:56 p.m. following a complaint. He had been barred from campus for indecent exposure.

Police Beat

College Police barred two black males from campus on Oct. 4 for shouting obscenities at students from their automobile. The students who entered the complaint agreed that barring the men would be sufficient, as they chose not to take court action.

In a related incident, College Police arrested a man on Oct. 2 for breaching the peace and using

abusive language. He was released on summons and is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 19.

On Oct. 6, a hit and run occurred on Campus Drive. A visitor's car was struck, causing approximately \$1,000 damage. Traces of blue paint were left on the victim's car.

College Police have also responded to a number of fire calls recently. On Oct. 5, College Police responded to a pan fire in the fourth floor kitchen of Mason Hall. No fire damage resulted from the incident.

An automobile fire following the car smash for MDA on Oct. 6 also required the attention of the College Police. After the fund-raiser, someone apparently set the car on fire, they reported.

A false alarm in Trinkle Library on Oct. 3 was the result of an old fluorescent light smoldering, which set smoke detectors in the library off, police said.

R&R

Photo by Prewitt Scripps



Five Fredericksburg residents spend a sunny afternoon relaxing on a front stoop.

Features

MWC Adapts For Handicapped Students

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Merchant commented that this last student graduated from MWC and attended graduate school in Michigan. The student took her notes in braille and was provided with recordings of textbook readings to back up her note system.

Kembel pointed out that "the institution is making accommodations as they come up." He also commented that the faculty, administration and students have been very helpful in the areas of handicapped accommodation.

Kembel says he does not foresee any major upgrading of the facilities here. Required handicapped facilities on the campus seem to be pretty well accounted for. There are several areas though, that he feels should be given more attention.

Kembel suggests that MWC could probably use a resource person to keep in touch with the handicapped

of MWC and keep them informed of special services the college will provide for them on request. Publication of a map telling which buildings on campus are accessible to wheelchair occupants, would be helpful as well.

Right now, Kembel sees a weakness in co-ordination of services for the handicapped. Services for the handicapped are spread all around campus and should be concentrated in one area instead, for easy access to those who need them most.

Editor's note:

David Kembel will be working on his evaluation of MWC's handicapped facilities throughout this year. Input from handicapped students attending the college would be very helpful. If interested in making suggestions for improved accommodations, Kembel may be reached at extension 4694, or in person at the Office of Academic Counseling in GW.



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Clubs Aim to Inform Voters

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While Mary Loose feels that students are generally very happy with what's going on, Lisa Jordan, president of the Young Democrats, disagrees. "Students are most definitely apathetic and they don't really know enough about issues, such as nuclear arms, to be really concerned. They don't know enough about what we have or what other nations have in the way of arms."

Pat Reinhardt, president of the MWC chapter of United Campus to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM), holds a similar view. "There is a lot of political apathy...it is really sad. I don't see the turnout at the meetings. Some people just don't care. There are a lot of excuses... 'I'm too busy'... 'It doesn't affect me'..."

"Students are more materialistic and job-oriented," said Fickett. "We have a non-activist student body. They are less concerned with the welfare of fellow Americans. It is a national phenomenon. It is very troubling to me."

The Young Democrats, College Republicans and UCAM have a common purpose: to inform and educate MWC students and hopefully to convince them to act. Economics professor Steven Stageberg spoke to a group of Young Democrats and other interested students about the concepts of "supply-side" economics, and the College Republicans host such conservative

speakers as Sen. John Warner. Phil Antweiler, the field director for the National UCAM, will speak on October 31 at 7 p.m. in the ACL ballroom about the arms race and the underlying political and economical forces.

Popular songs may no longer carry

political messages to students, but involvement in Central America, the problems of unemployment, and certainly nuclear arms are issues that involve young people, whether they are in the armed forces, the work forces, or, in the case of nuclear war, simply members of the human race.

Political Clubs Gear For Student Debate

by MARY SMITH

If you missed the Reagan-Mondale debates on television do not despair. The merits of both platforms will be debated by three-membered teams representing the Young Democrats and College Republicans on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Monroe Hall, room 104.

The debates will be co-sponsored by the MWC Nuclear Study Group and the two debating groups. The study group will not participate in the debate. "Fundamentally we see ourselves as a facilitator rather than an active participant," said Timothy Crippen, assistant professor of sociology, and study group member.

"Each side will have three debaters. For each topic, each team

speaker has three minutes time to voice points relative to that issue. After one team has presented their side, one member from the opposing team will question the presenting team for up to five minutes. If things work correctly, that should equal about 30 minutes per topic," Crippen explained.

The three topics to be discussed are: arms control, economic policy, and women's issues. Karen Torjensen, assistant professor of religion, will act as moderator.

Audience participation will be discouraged to ensure fairness and equality of time, Crippen said. However, he expressed hope that the debate will be well attended despite its being held the day students return from fall break.

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Loose Active with Politics, Yearbook

by LISA CONRAD

As editor of the *Battlefield* and chairman of the College Republicans, Mary Loose is a genuine picture of the active and successful student.

Loose is involved in college activities and feels good about those endeavors to which she devotes her time and effort. "I try to give of myself whenever anyone needs me, whether a friend or authority," Loose explained.

During her years at MWC, Loose has become involved with a number of activities. This year she is devoting much of her time to the production of MWC's yearbook and to the College Republicans.

As coordinator of the seventh district of Virginia, Loose is responsible for all the College Republican clubs in this area, including UVA, Germanna, Piedmont, Randolph Macon, Fairfax and MWC.

Loose's political beliefs and admiration for President Reagan and Sen. John Warner are deep. "They mean something," she said, "I



Mary Loose

honestly feel Reagan has brought us back to God, home and country." "He's helped us regain our pride; Pride which is the basis of our country," she said.

Loose also works as the editor of the *Battlefield*. Her major goal is to capture emotion in the yearbook, she said.

Loose says she is very happy with

herself, what she is doing and where she is going this year. While she enjoys being involved, she also recognizes her limitations. "I can start something, but I can't do everything," she explained.

Loose came to MWC in order to have independence but also to be relatively close to home. She chose MWC because she was impressed with the Honor System and the friendliness of everyone on campus.

A third year business administration major, Loose is from Keswick, Va. Her father raises black Angus cattle and her mother owns a jewelry store in Charlottesville.

Concert Held

The Mary Washington College Community Symphony Orchestra will present a concert tonight at 8:15 in Dodd Auditorium.

The program will include several works by Ludwig van Beethoven, including *The Sixth* or *Pastoral Symphony*, in which the composer introduced a new function for symphonic music—the pictorial.

The concert, under the able direction of Dr. James E. Baker, Professor of Music, is free, and all are cordially invited to attend.

N.O.W. Explodes Myths In Second Year at MWC

by MARTY HUMPHREY

A Chapter of N.O.W., the National Organization for Women, has been on the Mary Washington Campus since last spring. N.O.W. president, Kathy Spivey, hopes that the organization will become a permanent one.

The organization was initiated last spring through the efforts of Mary Driver, a former MWC student, and helped in part by Sue Hanna, an MWC English professor and member of the Fredericksburg chapter of N.O.W.

N.O.W. is concerned about various issues affecting women, ranging from abortion to the myths surrounding President Reagan and the Republican Party's attitude towards women.

Last week, a movie called "The Gender Gap" was shown on campus which "exploded many of the myths concerning women voters and their relationship to Reagan," said Spivey.

"The film exposed the myth that Reagan is doing something for women—which he is not," said Spivey. "It also showed that women

do not always vote the way their husbands do, and that there is a gender gap in the electoral process."

Spivey feels that more women will vote the Democratic ticket in November, because of vice-presidential candidate, Geraldine Ferraro.

"I think she's proven that she can perform well under fire," Spivey said. "And the fact that she's a woman gives other women a symbol to rally under."

N.O.W.'s philosophy concerns fairness, equality, and justice for all, said Spivey, and added that men are also encouraged to join. Spivey hopes that N.O.W. will help to broaden the minds of all involved in the organization, especially the women.

"A woman waiting for her knight in shining armor has to clean up after the horse later on," Spivey said. "I want women to realize that there are many important issues affecting their lives, and that they can do something about them."

The next N.O.W. meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, at 5:30 in the C-Shop.

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"Oh, are you going to watch the World Series?"

"Of course not! I'm going to watch the debates!"

At the time of this writing, both candidates for President and Vice-President have had their time in front of the cameras and the American people as they squared off in head to head competition. Yes, Ronnie and Fritz and George and Gerry got their chance to expound on the virtues of their policies versus the evils of their opponent's policies.

As a proponent of an informed public I believe strongly in the concept of debates as a means of contrasting two candidates for important office. The history of American presidential debates, however, suggests that there is something more than that is contrasted than just the candidates' views on the problems of the world and how to solve these problems.

For instance, in the 1960 presidential debates, most people will tell you that Kennedy looked better than Nixon, conducted himself in a more confident manner and acted more optimistic about his ideas. Why did Nixon lose? His sin was undue sweating and an uncomfortable look about him. "Penalty, Mr. Nixon, for

undue sweating: Fifteen yards and loss of down."

The press picked up on the importance of appearance in presidential debates as did astute campaign managers in both parties. In the age of television, stage presence and image now seems all important in a political campaign. In the recent debate series, one candidate has blundered his way to defeat. We all remember, to be sure, the verbal liberation of Eastern Europe and National Security Adviser Amy Carter's views on nuclear arms. But now, the press can successfully emphasize the appearance issue again. Neither Mondale nor Reagan made any self-damaging substantive remarks. Even in the one-sided Bush-Ferraro debate neither candidate uttered a fatal verbal *faux pas*. As a matter of fact, in both the presidential and vice-presidential debates, both sides presented their views basically as they wanted. The candidates seemed to respond to the journalist's questions just as they had addressed the issues in the campaign.

So, is the fate of democracy to be reduced to deciding the leader of the free world on the effectiveness of a candidate's anti-perspirent or on the amount of sleep he got the night before? I would say the impact of image in debates is not an overwhelming issue in the campaign, yet not an

unimportant one.

The reason for this assessment is this: Both presidential candidates have records. True, campaign hoopla and imagery do play a part, but, if one is to judge by the polls, America

seems to have taken into account not only image but also economic well-being and national security. As Herbert Hoover knew and Jimmy Carter knows, bad records tend to haunt a figure more than a bright

smile or a campaign speech can erase. Yet the press, always looking for something spectacular, will perpetually have the image issue to fall back on if the candidates refuse to say something stupid.

RICHARD EHRLER

Debate Questions 'Inane'

Last Sunday night I grabbed my robe, Kleenexes for my cold and my homemade "Go Mondale" banner and seated myself before our dorm T.V. just in time for the Presidential debates. I was happy by the time the debate had finished, not because Mondale appeared to win, but because the idiotic questioning of the debate panelists was over.

My recent suspicions were confirmed. Journalists are indeed becoming more and more stupid. But somehow I expected differently from these journalists because they are nationally known and respected in their profession. However, instead of asking substantive questions of policy to the candidates, the press preferred to ask questions of insignificance.

I am specifically referring to the questions concerning the candidate's religious beliefs. This was not an issue question, it was a question of irrelevancy. I have no doubt in my mind that both candidates are faithful, God-fearing Christians.

It is ridiculous that a candidate for the office of the President of the

United States should have to prove his religious beliefs before millions of Americans. No man or woman should ever be forced to prove his Christianity, or for that matter his or her Judaism. To do so, in the case of Christianity, is completely opposed to the teachings of Christ

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(remember the hypocritical pharisees who made it a point to practice their faith in public). Finally, for one to have to publicly pronounce his faith in God resembles something comparable to what is currently happening in revolutionary Iran.

Another inane subject journalists

like to harp on is the candidate's respective party platforms. It should always be kept in mind that presidential candidates very rarely initiate the policies listed in their party's platform. The debate panelists, who have several decades of experience between themselves, should know that political parties are not homogeneous bodies that reflect exactly what a candidate believes.

Both parties have liberals, moderates and conservatives, who seek to have their interests presented in the party platform. For example, while President Reagan fought hard to prevent the platform plank concerning an abortion test for federal judges, the radical right was nonetheless able to obtain enough support within the platform drafting committee to have it put in to the Republican platform.

What the journalists should have asked are questions pertaining directly to past and future policy plans of the candidates. What they did, rather, was ineffectively question the candidates about issues that have no impact on public policy.

STACEY DUNN

Confessions of a 'Know it All'

The realization came to me while I was sitting in class only a couple of weeks ago. There I sat, in one of the upper-level courses in my major when it dawned on me that after years of instruction in my field of study, I had absolutely no idea as to what my professor was talking about. So, I went to talk to her about it after class.

"I thought that being a senior, I would know about all of the things you talked about in class today. But all I know now is how much there is that I don't know about my major!"

I said as I sat down by her desk.

"A-ha!" she answered. "Now you know what it is to be a senior."

"So," I asked, "Are you telling me that by May I am going to know everything that I don't know now?"

She smiled at me and said, "No. By May you will know just how much there is that you don't know."

I pondered that for some time, and must admit that I agree with her. That's why people specialize in one area of a field of study—because no one can know it all. Except for freshmen.

Freshmen are the ones that know it all. Seniors are the ones who know that they know practically nothing.

the Fall of 1981, I was armed and dangerous with my high school diploma, a new checking account, a smart mouth, and directions to the Pub. By October I was out of money; by mid-terms I was out of luck; and by December I was out of control.

My parents and I agreed then to call my first semester of college a "learning experience." Now we half-jokingly call it a disaster. But it's true that it was a learning experience, because by May of my freshman year I was humbled by the amount of work I would have to do in order to learn that in fact, I didn't know it all.

The semesters that followed have been filled with classes and experiences and relationship's that have helped me to learn more and know less. For, isn't college the four year process of unlearning and relearning, which leads to not knowing?

At this point, I understand that I have learned a hell of a lot and will learn a lot more before May. But until then, I will sit attentively in my classes and watch my professors fill square foot upon square foot of blackboard space with facts and theories and formulas for me to learn in order to graduate—not for me to know. I will know how much I don't know, and be that much smarter.

DEONA HOUFF

Reagan...With Reservations

M-TV tells me to "Feel the Power." Last weekend I visited three college campuses, and bumper stickers on nearly every car announced that the owner was "Another Student for Reagan-Bush '84." Over fall break, I will check the Republican Party square on my absentee ballot, but I will feel neither power nor allegiance with any student who rallies around the president.

Ronald Reagan has accomplished much for America. When he took office, America was a country of unemployment and inflation. Hostages in Iran were human proof of our questionable military strength and unquestionable shame at being a seemingly helpless America.

I was a high school senior sitting in government class during the inauguration. I remember Nancy's bright red coat and our observation that Nancy and Mrs. Bush must have shared lipstick in the powder room because both were wearing the brightest shade of red. The red, the white, the blue: that is what I most remember—being proud to be American. We were on the way back up because Ronald Reagan, our savior, was here to lead us.

The patriotism wave has not stopped since then. Perhaps it skidded a bit when Grenada looked like Vietnam and Beirut looked like a slaughterhouse for American young men. But it soon regained speed. As Lee Greenwood sings in the president's campaign film, "God Bless the U.S.A."

It is no wonder Mr. Greenwood feels that way. He is a white male in a high tax bracket—one of Ronald Reagan's most blessed disciples. Not all Americans have been so blessed. It is true that many of us are better off now than we were four years ago. The Reagan administration has had many successes and, unfortunately, many victims.

Thanks to the president's policies, this country still has a constitution proclaiming that all men are created equal and the women can go to hell. Mr. Reagan claims that the E.R.A. is not the answer to the women's rights issue. I suppose he thought the appointment of a female Supreme Court justice and a female Secretary of Transportation would end discrimination in the office, home, and loan department. It hasn't quite worked out that way.

Thanks to the president's policies, the biggest fear of American children is nuclear war. When I was

student teaching last year, a 13-year-old told me in all seriousness that he saw no reason to worry about good grades and getting into college because we are all going to die by the bomb anyway. Hearing me say this may bring a giggle or two. Hearing a child say this has just the opposite effect.

So why, then, do I not vote for Walter Mondale, a man who supports the E.R.A., will raise taxes to help Reagan's victims, and sincerely wants to end the arms race? Walter Mondale simply does not have what it takes to be president. He could never rally anyone, especially Congress, around him. I may agree with some of Mondale's ideology, but I doubt any of it could become policy.

And so I'll vote for Reagan, a man whose ideology, however warped, has become policy. At least I know I'll get a job. At least I know my paycheck won't go to someone who does not deserve it. As Lee Greenwood would say, at least I know I'm free. At least I know I'll get to vote again in four years and maybe even feel the power of a presidential candidate whose compassion matches his capability, and who allows me to be proud of America for the right reasons.

Sports

Crew Club Ready for Competition

By WENDY LaRUE

It's taken nearly nine years, but finally the crew club has acquired enough equipment to become a competitive organization.

Because crew is not an intercollegiate sport at MWC the club has been forced to make fund raising one of its primary activities since it originated in 1976, in order to reach this point.

With 32 active members, two training eight man shells and a racing four man shell, the club is ready to compete with other colleges.

"Last year was our biggest stepping stone," said club member Laura Shaw. This was because of the acquisition of a racing shell and coach Sara Mulligan, the city's community development coordinator, who rowed in college.

Goals for the season include obtaining the racing eight, getting students, faculty, and parents to be aware of the club, to be competitive against other schools, and to become a varsity sport.

In order to be competitive, members must dedicate a great deal of time to the sport.

The team begins practicing the second week of school. At the end of November, when it becomes impossible to practice in the water, due to ice, practices include work on an ergometer, an indoor rowing device, running, and weight lifting.

From August through November and from early March when the ice melts to the end of school, workouts include running, weight lifting, and actual rowing.

A typical practice week includes early morning strength workouts

made up of weight lifting and running plus rowing practice from 3:45 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tom Mullin, club president, commented, "For this school it (crew) is ideal. We could be competitive

Currently the club is working on a deal with Georgetown University to purchase a racing eight man shell. If the deal works out the club will be expending approximately \$5,000 for the craft and oars. However, this expense would be well worth while, as it would allow more members to be able to compete.

against big name schools. We could make a name for the school in rowing."

Included in this year's schedule are two fall races and five spring races.

The club competed in its first race of the season at the Baltimore Ariel Regatta. The women's and men's fours placed fourth out of four and the women's eight, using a borrowed shell placed eighth out of eight. The mixed four took third place out of four teams.

Although these results may not

sound promising, Shaw said the team was pleased with its performance. In all of its races the team competed against "elite" teams, to include one with two olympic rowers, even though it is classified as a "novice" team. The three boats that took last place finished within eight seconds of the teams ahead of them even though they were expected to finish at least a minute behind.

Nov. 3 will be the date of the next competition in which the crew club will participate. It will be held on the Occoquan River.

Hockey Shows Class

This season has been a frustrating one for the field hockey team, which has had an extremely high number of shots on goal, but has only won three of its 11 games so far.

In a game that player Ann Marie Hall termed as "more physical than usual," the team lost to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County two to one on Saturday.

Up set by the abusive behavior of the opposing team Hall commented, "They might have won, but we lost with class."

Captain, Wendy Delpercio scored the only goal for the Blue Tide. This

score gave her enough goals for the season to put her in a tie for the leading scorer with Pam Heller.

Monday the team lost to Randolph Macon with a score of zero to one. "Lady luck just hasn't been on our side," said Hall.

Contributing a great deal to the team's high number of shots on goal are captain Gayle Schmith and Linda Ware.

Allison Cornell, the only senior, has demonstrated great ability in the goal cage, keeping the number of points scored on MWC to a minimum.



Gayle Schmith and Wendy Risher work together to maintain control of the ball.
Photo by Prewitt Scripps

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SCORES
OCT. 9

Volleyball 7	Gallaudet 15
15	11
15	13
Volleyball 15	St. Mary's 9
15	1

OCT. 10

Volleyball 15	Catholic 9
15	2
15	3
Soccer 2	Longwood 2

OCT. 11

Tennis 5	American 4
Tennis 5	Hollins 4

OCT. 13

Men's Cross Country—9th of 12 in Division II and III state meet.
Women's Cross Country—1st of 12 in Division II and III state meet.

Bushnell-A Wins
Championship

Bushnell-A, after finishing third in the regular season standings, defeated Jefferson 32 to 20 in the men's intramural championship football game.

"It's really surprising we won," said Bushnell player Kevin White. The team we beat (Jefferson) was defeated until the final game."

Adding to the surprise of Bushnell-A's win is the fact that all three of the team members are freshmen.

In Monday's playoff games Bushnell-A defeated Custis 40 to 0, and Marshall won over Madison eight to six.

Bushnell-A beat its brother team Bushnell-B 22 to zero and Jefferson a six to zero victory over Marshall in Tuesday's games.

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